(b) if so, the number of CNG Stations Affected in the Delhi due to rain;

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect these machines of CNG Stations in the rainy seasons in future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Because of heavy rains on 28th May, 2002 there were wide spread power failures resulting in non functioning of 12 CNG stations ranging from 1 to 12 hours.

(c) and (d) 30 generator sets of different capacities have been put in the CNG stations to enable the CNG compressors to operate in the event of grid power failure.

Oil wells in Andhra Pradesh

696. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has drilled exploratory oil wells and also undertook development of oil wells in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) what will be the estimated crude production from these wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) During the last three year (1999-2002), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has drilled 61 exploratory and 16 development wells in the State

of Andhra Pradesh. The year-wise and district-wise details of exploratory and development wells drilled are as follows:—

District	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		Total 1999-2002	
	Expl.	Dev.	Expl	Dev.	Expl.	Dev.	Expl.	Dev.
East Godavari	16	3	13	6	11	7	40	16
West Godavari	3	-	4	-	4	-	11	-
Krishna	1	-	2	-	7	-	10	-
TOTAL	20	3	19	6	22	7	61	16

Expl.: Exploratory
Dev.: Development

(c) ONGC's current production crude oil and natural gas from these wells is 415 Tonne Per day and 1.93 Million Standard Cubic Meter Per day (MMSCMD) respectively.

Strategic oil reserve

697. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the measures proposed to build a strategic oil reserve of six months to a year to completely insulate the country from any eventuality like war?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): Government is considering to provide strategic tankage for crude oil gradually in phases with a view to achieve a total of 45 days' cover. The Ministry has received the Detailed Feasibility Reports for underground concrete storage tanks and underground rock caverns for the storage of crude oil. No final decision has been taken as yet.

Export of petroleum products

698. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India Exported 7.15 million tonne (MT) of petroleum products during the first nine months of financial year 2001-2002;